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# AEF Center offers new Web format

**Lt. Col. Bryan A. Holt**  
*Aerospace Expeditionary Force Center*

**LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN)**—The Air Force's Web-based deployment tool, Expeditionary Air Force Online, has been redesigned to give airmen more help with Air Expeditionary Force issues.

The Aerospace Expeditionary Force Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va. redesigned the Web site to give users more information, enhanced access and the convenience of a single source for all AEF deployment information. The center is the agency for implementing the Air Force's EAF concept.

"This is a major milestone to provide better service to those deploying," said Lt. Col. Marie Barboza, the AEF Center's project officer for EAF Online.

The new format combines features of the previous AEFC site into a Web "portal" which provides access to various databases and can be customized for each user. The site offers an array of information including deployment checklists, the AEF Commanders' Playbook, lessons learned and the newest feature, the Commanders' Toolkit.

The major attraction for deployers is the position descriptions with information on the duties, requirements and conditions of specific deployed positions. Users get the information by first registering at the site, which establishes their profile. Future logins will provide information tailored to the user's career field. The deployment checklist includes training, medical status and other qualifications required for deployment, as well as links to references. Commanders can track training requirements of their people.

The Commander's Toolkit up-

grade to EAF Online allows commanders to track the deployment status of their unit and people. Future enhancements will include a training module to track skill level training and a module to track operations tempo. All modules are updated by pulling data from existing Air Force data sources, such as the Personnel Data System.

"EAF Online is also very beneficial to Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members," Colonel Barboza said. The position descriptions and the Commanders' Toolkits include information for active, Guard and Reserve personnel.

The restricted Web site can be accessed via military and government computers at <https://aefcenter.af.mil/>. The AEFC has also added a new public Web site accessible from any computer. It can be accessed through EAF Online or directly at <http://aefc.langley.af.mil/>. Updated daily, the unclassified site allows users to link to EAF/AEF activities, theater information and other key issues.

"As the AEF construct matures, the unclassified Web site provides critical information on how the Air Force conducts business in the 21st century to the general public, family members and news media representatives," Colonel Barboza said. "This also allows Air Force people to get certain AEF information from their home computers."

The sites offer "one-stop shopping" for those eligible to deploy and those who want more information about the EAF concept and AEF process. Individuals can also provide feedback through EAF Online.

"It is critical that everyone identified for an AEF should go to EAF Online to obtain the latest information they need for their deployment," Colonel Barboza said.



Catherine A. Layton

## Brakes are not optional

**Tech. Sgt. Joseph L. Badger, 325th Fighter Wing maintenance squadron assistant shop chief, inspects the brakes of a MHU-141 munitions handling trailer. The trailers are used for hauling munitions to the flightline.**

## Memorial Day honors fallen servicemembers

**Airman 1st Class Russell Crowe**  
*325th Fighter Wing public affairs*

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. This year, millions of Americans will take time to remember the sacrifices many have made for our country.

Bay County and the Tyndall area will be no different. Of the many local events taking place, two more notable ones are the ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday at Kent-Forest Lawn Cemetery on 23rd Street and the Panama City Garden Club's memorial service at 810 Garden Club Drive.

There are many stories as to the

actual beginnings of Memorial Day, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace.

Waterloo, N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon B. Johnson in May 1966, but it's difficult to prove conclusively where the day originated. It's more likely that it had many separate beginnings.

There is evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War. According to Duke University, a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet, carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves

of the Confederate Dead."

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.

Memorial Day is now celebrated in

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every state on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress in 1968), though several southern states have additional, separate days for honoring the Confederate war dead.

In 1915, inspired by the poem “In Flanders Fields,” Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

*We cherish too, the Poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led,  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies.*

She thought of wearing red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. In 1948 the U.S. Post Office honored Mrs. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3-cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

On the national level there are numerous events, the most visible being at Arlington National Cemetery. Since the late 1950s on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington. They patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing.

Since 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of approximately 15,300 gravesites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

To help Americans re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the “National Moment of Remembrance” resolution was passed in December of 2000, which asks that at 3 p.m. local time all Americans “voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to Taps.”

In an added development, this Memorial Day, the “Calling America’s Heroes” Memorial Day campaign will provide free AT&T phone cards to the first 100 armed forces members or veterans who request them at participating 7-Eleven stores to “remind Americans of the real purpose of Memorial Day and thank veterans and members of the armed forces for their service to our great country.”

So take some time this Monday to remember why we serve and what those who have served before us gave so that we may live.

*(Additional information courtesy of David Merchant)*

Leaders send  
Memorial Day  
message

**WASHINGTON (AFP)** — The following is a Memorial Day message issued by Dr. Lawrence J. Delaney, acting secretary of the Air Force, and Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff.

President Lincoln captured the essence of Memorial Day in these words at Gettysburg: “The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.”

Since the Civil War, Memorial Day has been a day for Americans to remember the many servicemen who, in the course of fulfilling their duties, have given their lives for the freedoms we enjoy. This year, we should also think of our servicemen and women deployed around the world, thanking them for defending the values we hold dear.

On this Memorial Day, a grateful nation honors those who have given the last full measure for our nation.

Air Force officers given  
opportunity to study overseas

Courtesy of AFPC News Service

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP)** — Up to three Air Force officers will have the opportunity to study overseas for two years if they are selected for the Olmsted Scholar Program.

The program provides selected officers with an in-depth understanding of a foreign culture, increasing their sensitivity to and awareness of viewpoints and concerns of people from other regions of the world.

Being an Olmsted scholar involves cultural immersion and study at a foreign university in the native language. Since study must be in a foreign language, selected officers attend language training before beginning their studies. At

the conclusion of two years of study, Olmsted scholars may apply for continuation of their program in an American university for one additional year to obtain their master’s degree.

The Air Force Nomination Board is currently scheduled for Nov. 15. The Air Force Personnel Center here must receive applications by Oct. 1.

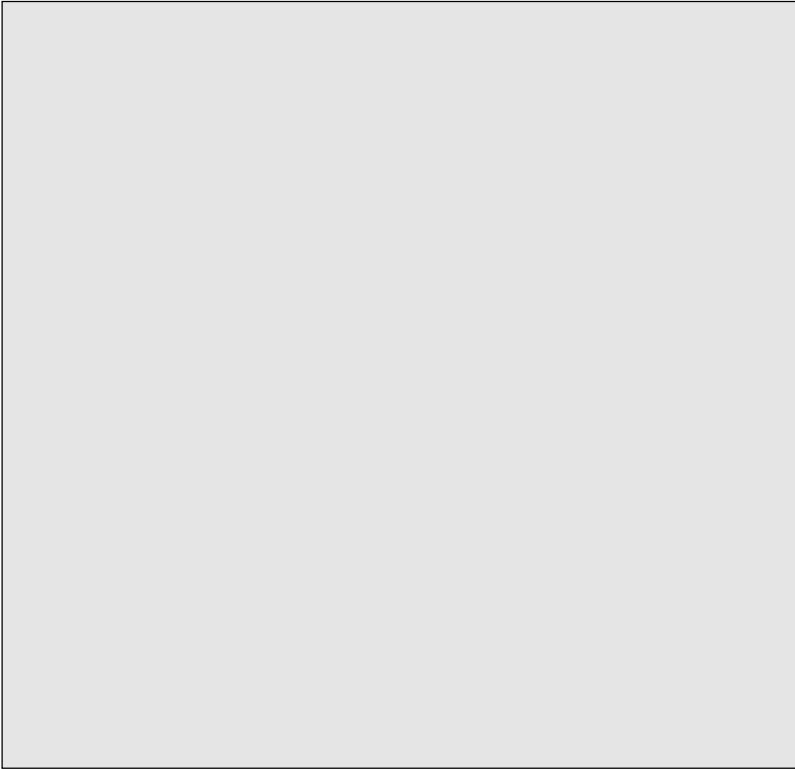
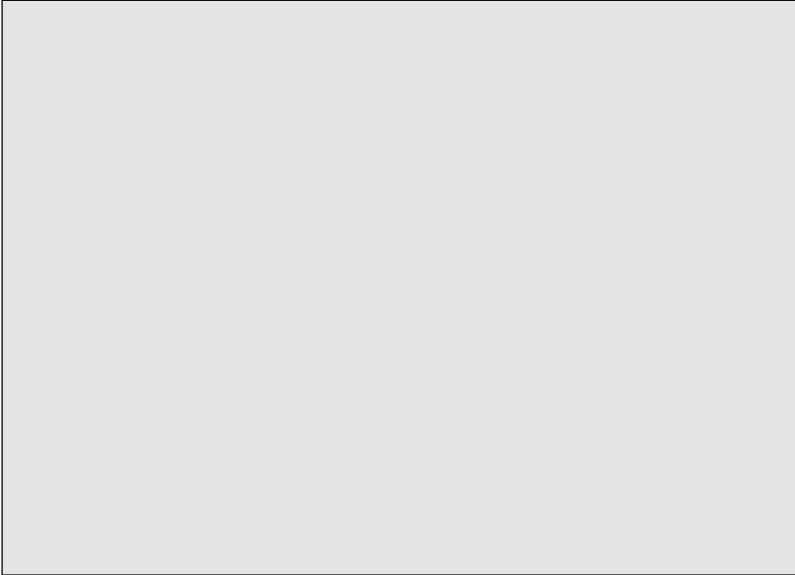
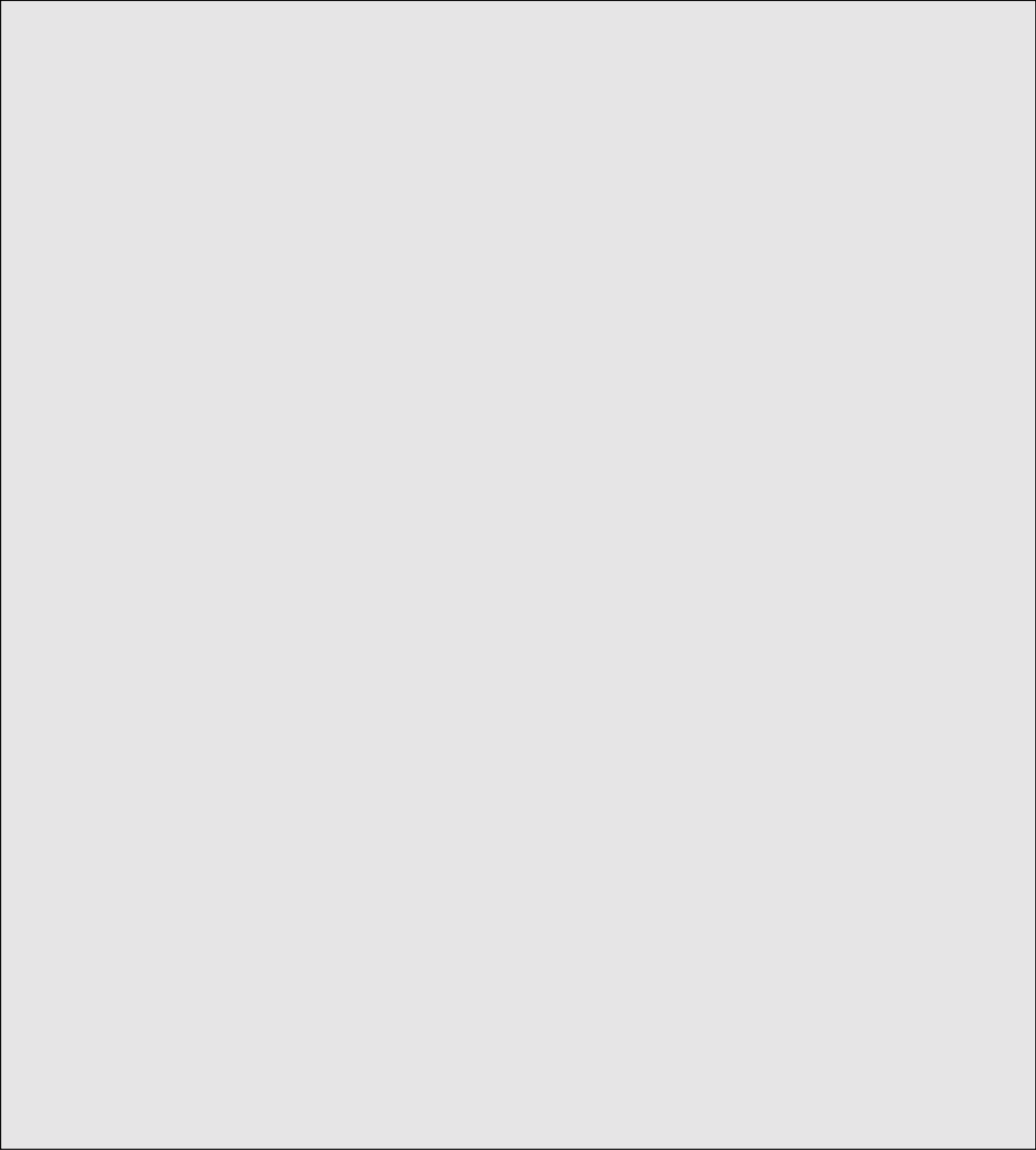
Interested officers should mail applications directly to AFPC/DPAPE, 550 C Street West, Suite 32, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4734. The format of the application is available through local military personnel flights.

More information on the program can be obtained from the officer professional military education Web site.

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# Personnel data system to be down for 10 days

Courtesy of Military  
Personnel Flight office

As the personnel community transitions to its new MILMOD, a real-time personnel data system, the Air Force personnel center will be experiencing “construction delays.”

As such, PC-III will be down today through June 4 so the systems at the AFPC can accomplish the personnel systems transitions.

Your commander support staffs, as well as the military personnel flight, will not be able to do personnel updates.

This shutdown will not affect the Dependent Eligibility Enrollment System or the issuing of identification cards.

If emergency situations arise, call the appropriate section of the military personnel flight office, 283-2488 or 283-2807.

## Today in history

- 585 B.C.** Thales of Greece makes the first known prediction of a solar eclipse.
- 1085** Alfonso VI takes Toledo, Spain from the Muslims.
- 1787** The Constitutional convention opens at Philadelphia with George Washington presiding.
- 1810** Argentina declares independence from Napoleonic Spain.
- 1851** Jose Justo de Urquiza of Argentina leads a rebellion against Juan Manuel de Rosas, his former ally.
- 1911** Porfirio Diaz, President of Mexico, resigns from office.
- 1914** The British House of Commons passes Irish Home Rule.
- 1925** John Scopes is indicted for teaching Darwinian theory in school.
- 1935** Jesse Owens sets six world records in less than an hour in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 1946** Jordan gains independence from Britain.
- 1953** The first atomic cannon is fired in Nevada.
- 1969** The Israeli Army makes the first of four unsuccessful assaults on Arab forces in the town of Latrun, Israel.



# New program brings more choices to re-enlisting airmen

**Staff Sgt. Amy Parr**  
*Air Force Print News*

**WASHINGTON** — Airmen will soon have a new way to re-enlist, offering them more control over separations and retirements and possibly bringing more money into the pockets of those eligible for bonuses.

Upon implementation of the Air Force’s Military Personnel Data System Modernization program, tentatively set for the beginning of June, airmen re-enlisting will fall under the Full Enlistment Program.

Full enlistment will allow airmen to specify the number of years and months they wish to re-enlist. They must re-enlist for a minimum of four years and a maximum of six. This program allows re-enlistment to high-year-tenure, using a combination of yearly and monthly increments. Senior airmen may not exceed their high-year-of-tenure, and those eligible to retire may not exceed their HYT plus one month.

The program also has another major change from the current system in that airmen are required to fulfill their entire re-enlistment contract, said Master Sgt. Mai Pederson, chief of enlisted skills management.

“Under the current program, any unserved obligation from the previous enlistment contract is absorbed within the new contract. Full enlistment will require airmen to add any

unserved obligation to their re-enlistment contract,” she said. “This revised re-enlistment policy requires re-enlistees to fulfill all unserved contractual periods along with their new re-enlistment contract.”

For example, if more than 29 days remain until an airman’s date of separation, the period will be counted as one month. If 29 days or less remain, the days will not be added to the new contract. If an airman’s date of separation is July 15, and the airman decides to re-enlist May 1 for four years, the airman’s remaining obligated service is two months and 15 days. The airman’s new period of re-enlistment will be four years and two months because the remaining 15 days are less than 29 days and are therefore not included.

If this same airman was eligible for a Selective Re-enlistment Bonus and re-enlisted for four years and two months, the new SRB would be paid for four years because the airman was already paid for the two months in the previous re-enlistment. The two months of obligated service would not be recouped because it would be served in the new contract.

This program was developed to help improve the current retention situation, Sergeant Pederson said.

Airmen may re-enlist under the current system until MILMOD implementation, after which they must use the Full Enlistment Program.

The Air Force has been reviewing its force, stability and sustainment policies. It has found artificial constraints — combined with falling retention rates — have made a significant impact on its ability to maintain a viable force, said personnel officials at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. They added that the future Air Force depends on people completing their obligated periods of service. The Full Enlistment Program was created to help maximize that investment.

The re-enlistment window has also been expanded from three months before the estimated time-in-service date to 12 months. This was changed to allow second term and career airmen more flexibility on re-enlistment dates.

“This (system) gives airmen more control over their careers by allowing them to re-enlist in a combination of yearly and monthly increments,” Sergeant Pederson said. “Under the Full Enlistment (Program), eligible airmen can combine their re-enlistment years and months to match their retirement date in one selection.”

The program will give airmen more control over their careers and allow them to maximize their SRB entitlements, AFPC officials said.

For more information on the full enlistment program, contact the military personnel flight at 283-3198.

# Community College of the Air Force graduates 73 from Tyndall

*Courtesy of educational services*

The Community College of the Air Force had 73 enlisted people from Tyndall Air Force Base complete their associate in applied science degrees.

The graduates were honored to have retired Chief Master Sgt. Paul Airey, the first chief master sergeant of the Air Force, as the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony, held at the enlisted club.

The Aerospace Education Foundation awarded four grants of \$400 each. They were presented to applicants selected from the spring graduating class. These grants are presented to noncommissioned officers in the grade of senior airman through master sergeant. The award recipients are selected based upon the individual’s scholastic achievement, military accomplishment and personal involvement in the community. Also, the individual must be enrolled or show intention to enroll in course work leading to a baccalaureate degree. Recipients were Tech. Sgt. Amy L. Barton, Staff Sgt. Darrin P. Layton, Tech. Sgt. Danilya D. Stilchen and Tech. Sgt. David M. Stilchen.

The master of ceremonies was Chief Master Sgt. Ralph H. Curtis and Chief Master Sgt. Ricky D. Adair assisted Col. William Bledsoe, 325th Fighter Wing Vice Commander, in the presentation of diplomas.

For more information about the CCAF or educational services, call 283-4285/6 or visit the education center, Building 1230.

## CCAF Spring 2001 graduates

- Senior Airman Andrews, Jamie S.

Tech. Sgt. Annes, Todd W.

Tech. Sgt. Antekeier, Anthony A.

Tech. Sgt. Bailey, Richard W.

Master Sgt. Barnes, Darryl D.

Tech. Sgt. Barton, Amy L.

Tech. Sgt. Berletic, Joseph W.

Master Sgt. Blankenship, Paul C.

Tech. Sgt. Bowman, Steven H.

Tech. Sgt. Brown, Charlie

Staff Sgt. Calton, Nikke N.

Master Sgt. Calton, Patrick W.

Staff Sgt. Christoffers, Tammy J.

Master Sgt. Davis, Melvin L.

Senior Airman Dority, Maurice G.

Master Sgt. Dunne, Eugene O.

Chief Master Sgt. Edwards, Anderson

Tech. Sgt. Eldridge, Gary D.

Senior Airman Ellwanger, Harold L.

Tech. Sgt. Errett, John R.

Staff Sgt. Fleming, Patrick E.

Staff Sgt. Franklin, Johnny L.

Tech. Sgt. Harmon, Kerry D.

Staff Sgt. Harper, Wade J.

Staff Sgt. Hester, Alton L.

Staff Sgt. Hood, Richard

Master Sgt. Judd, Michael J.

Tech. Sgt. Kiewiet, Joann T.

Master Sgt. Laurita, Daniel
- Staff Sgt. Larsen, Ronald L.

Master Sgt. Lauer, Donald E.

Staff Sgt. Layton, Darrin P.

Staff Sgt. Lebeduik, Tracey L.

Staff Sgt. Matlock, Damon C.

Staff Sgt. Mayfield, Randall J.

Tech. Sgt. McKinley, Kevin W.

Staff Sgt. Montros, Dennis G.

Master Sgt. Nelson, Christopher A.

Staff Sgt. Newton, Roger C.

Tech. Sgt. Noel, Kurt A.

Tech. Sgt. Padron, James

Senior Airman Palmisano, John J.

Master Sgt. Parham, Tony D.

Master Sgt. Peloquin, John E.

Master Sgt. Peters, Mark E.

Tech. Sgt. Peterson, Mark A.

Tech. Sgt. Robinson, Christopher J.

Tech. Sgt. Rodgers, Charles B. Jr.

Master Sgt. Saylor, Christopher J.

Master Sgt. Schmidt, Waldlena R.

Staff Sgt. Spindler, Frederick W.

Tech. Sgt. Stilchen, Danilya D.

Tech. Sgt. Stilchen, David M.

Staff Sgt. Swearingin, Jason L.

Master Sgt. Titley, Derrick A.

Master Sgt. Verret, Raymond G.

Tech. Sgt. Villareal, Frederick G.

Staff Sgt. Watt, Nya S.

Staff Sgt. West, William F.

Staff Sgt. Whiting, David E.

Tech. Sgt. Wilson, Romeo B.



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### Safety stats

Category	'00	'01	Trend
On duty	1	0	-1
Off duty	10	4	-6
Traffic	5	2	-3
Sports	4	1	-3
Fatalities	1	0	-1
DUIs	14	9	-5

## Commander's Corner



**Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins**  
325th Fighter Wing  
commander



As you head out the door to take advantage of a three-day weekend, remember to play it safe. For most, Memorial Day means an extra day off from work. It was a day set aside in 1868 to honor the dead from the Civil War. It has come to be a day of remembrance for the heroes who have paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. Take some time to remember those who sacrificed everything for our nation.

While we're enjoying our leisure activities, let's not forget why we are enjoying this federal holiday. Let's also not forget that this is the beginning of the 101 Critical Days of Summer. To get everyone started right, the safety office has made today Safety Day on Tyndall.

Air Education and Training Command has already experienced a 30 percent rise in vehicle accidents compared to last year. During the 101 Critical Days of Summer, remember to play it safe. Don't mix alcohol with water sports or driving. When planning a vacation, remember not to overdo your driving. Fatigue can be a constant companion when trying to

cram in as many activities as you can. Plan ahead, get plenty of rest and plan to attend Safety Day briefings at the base theater.

Safety Day is a command-directed event to raise awareness about activities that tend to increase mishaps. Briefings are scheduled for each unit at the base theater. Kicking off the briefings is Ed Sullivan, a traffic safety expert, who will provide techniques on safe, defensive driving. Also speaking is Lt. Col. Paul Sutliff, 81st Test Support Squadron and prior Coast Guardsman who will discuss boating and water safety.

Regardless of what you have planned for this weekend, be safe out there and have a happy Memorial Day weekend.

## View from the top: Taking care of your people

**Gen. Hal Hornburg**  
*Air Education and Training Command commander*

**RANDOLPHAIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)**—Throughout my 33 years as an airman, a common and often-used phrase has been, "Take care of your people and they'll take care of the mission."

I believe in that adage today, just as I did when I was a much younger and less experienced airman. But over the years, it seems that "taking care of our people" has sometimes been translated into "covering for people" or overlooking lapses in duty performance and conduct. Helping someone keep a sparkling

clean record when their performance and conduct suggests otherwise winds up hurting both our people and our Air Force.

Turning a blind eye to poor performance or misconduct is not at all what is meant by "taking care of our people," and is counter to our core values of integrity, service and excellence.

The standards of conduct and performance are meant for each of us — from the newest airmen to our most senior leaders. We can't disregard the rules on behalf of a few, because doing so diminishes the performance of the vast majority of our people who are committed to those standards.

## Action Line



2nd Lt. Jonathan Cartwright

### Wires, wires everywhere...

**Airman 1st Class Anthony J. Tirado, 325th Communications Squadron cable systems apprentice, splices in new cable located in a manhole under Florida Avenue while Lt. Col. Kevin A. Foley, 325th Communications Squadron commander, looks on. The new cable replaces cable installed over 30 years ago.**

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied

with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For **fraud, waste and abuse** calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning **energy abuse** should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins  
325th Fighter Wing  
commander



I expect our leaders at all levels to know the difference between a mistake and misconduct. People of all ages and ranks learn from a mistake and many go on to do great things. Misconduct is another thing entirely. Let me explain the difference.

A mistake is a negative outcome because of inexperience, poor foresight or inadequate planning. The intentions may have been honest and good, but perhaps the outcome was not. Misconduct, on the other hand, is deliberately taking an action that violates standards or is just plain wrong.

One area in which there is absolutely no room for interpretation

is the use of illegal drugs. Drug abuse is incompatible with military service and airmen who abuse drugs are subject to discharge for misconduct. It's that simple and direct.

Non-judicial punishment or court martial proceedings may also be the outcome of illegal drug use. The disciplinary action can very possibly affect more than your Air Force future; it could impact the rest of your life.

I am determined to do everything I can to keep illegal drug use out of AETC. Random testing coupled with increased education and taking

# Keep it safe at home base

**Lt. Col. Patrick Marshall**  
*325th Fighter Wing*  
*chief of safety*

Can you believe it? Already time for another Safety Day! Yes, by order of the 325th Fighter Wing commander, Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins, the 325th Fighter Wing will stand-down operations today for Safety Day. Today is specifically focused on keeping the Air Force’s number one asset safe—YOU!

I urge you to take time on Safety Day to reflect on our operations and ask yourselves where we can improve our procedures to improve our great safety record. Your unit safety representatives along with the safety office have taken great strides to present important safety tips and techniques while also providing time for specific unit safety discussions. Don’t be shy; if you have any ideas on how to improve our effectiveness and have a safer way of doing business, please bring it up during these discussions. Unit safety representatives have all the information pertaining to Safety Day and will ensure that you have

reserved seats for all of these events.

Doing it right and doing it smartly applies to off-duty as well. We are rapidly approaching the famed “Critical 101 Days of Summer” which run from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Historically, our level of mishaps Air Force-wide increases significantly during this time frame. Most of this can be related to increased summer travel and outdoor recreational events. It’s a time to enjoy the beaches, cookouts, camping and many other activities Florida has to offer. Have fun, but remember to keep your focus. If something doesn’t sound right or doesn’t look right, just slow down and take a good look at it—your intuition has a great track record and I ask that you trust it. Enjoy these summer months but don’t let your guard down. Remember, the most successful vacations are the ones where everyone returns in one piece.

You all have done a tremendous job this year, conducting the mission with a near-zero mishap rate. I urge you to maintain this excellent track record and look forward to seeing you today.

## Commissaries start ID ‘spot checks’ at door

**Cherie Huntington**  
*Defense Commissary Agency*  
*public affairs*

Although the military identification card has always been the primary “passport” to commissary shopping, that passport will be required a little more often now.

Commissaries in the Defense Commissary Agency’s Eastern Region have started a monthly random ID check at the door, in addition to the required ID

check at the cash register, according to Region Director Patrick B. Nixon.

“These random spot checks should help deter unsponsored personnel from entering the commissary facility,” Mr. Nixon said.

The Eastern Region encompasses 105 stores in 28 states plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Iceland. The new policy applies only to Eastern Region stores that check IDs exclusively at the cash

register. Some commissaries are required by their installation commanders to check IDs at the door at all times, as well as at the register, under local security policies.

The random checks will be conducted at least one day a month for two or three hours at a time, both in the morning and the afternoon. They will be

scheduled with varying days and times to avoid establishing a pattern. All patrons, except military members in uniform, will be required to show proper identification, both at the door and at the cash register.

Although visitors will continue to be allowed to accompany their sponsor in the store, the checker will remind everyone that visitors are not authorized to make purchases, and patrons are not authorized to make purchases for their guests.

In addition to the periodic spot checks at the entrance, all store directors will continue making spot checks of individuals already in the store to determine if they are authorized patrons or guests. Anyone determined to be an unauthorized shopper or an authorized patron abusing privileges through exploitation of the visitor policy will be referred to installation authorities.



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appropriate disciplinary actions in response to violations of this important standard will help us eliminate illegal drugs from AETC.

Random drug testing for many years has been and will continue to be a key element of the Air Force’s effort to maintain a drug-free environment. It’s interesting that more and more civilian employers have mandatory drug testing for potential employees because they too see the dangers of illegal drug use in our society and the hazardous impact it has in the workplace.

I see this effort as part of the solemn commitment we’ve made to America’s mothers and fathers who trust us to train and take care of their sons and daughters.

Keeping our workplaces and communities free of illegal drugs is one of the best ways to take care of our people. By doing so, they truly will take care of the mission, and they’ll do it safely.

## Tyndall’s chapel schedule

Protestant	Catholic
Communion Service: 9:30 a.m. Chapel 1	Daily Mass: noon
General Protestant Service: 11 a.m. Chapel 2	Monday through Friday, Chapel 2
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.	Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday
Kids’ Club: 2:45-5:45 p.m. Wednesday	Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, Chapel 2
Chapel 1: 283-2691	Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Chapel 2
Chapel 2: 283-2925	Religious education: 10:50 a.m. Sunday
Other faith groups: Call 283-2925	



# Use common sense to keep cool in the summer heat

**Jose Gonzales**  
*59th Medical Wing  
public health*

**LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — As the peak of the hot weather season approaches, the safety and well being of people who spend time working and playing outdoors become a concern. Sunny weather can increase the risk of heat-related illnesses ranging in severity from heat

cramps and heat exhaustion to heat stroke.Heat illnesses can be difficult to recognize because many people don’t know what to look for, and the symptoms can come on very quickly. Most people might not recognize heat cramps as a heat illness because they often happen after exertion in the sun and can be mistaken for muscular effort. Actually, cramps are a response to muscle dehydration and electrolyte, or salt,

imbalance. Heat exhaustion might also be hard to recognize because the person often feels cool and clammy to the touch. That’s because they are starting to experience shock. They usually are very sweaty and have chills, headache, dizziness and sometimes vomiting. Heat stroke is the most dangerous condition and is characterized by very high body temperature, hot skin and mental

confusion that can lead to coma and death if not treated immediately. Even with the best medical care, heat stroke is fatal in more than one out of 10 cases. If a heat illness occurs, it’s important to stop exercising, lie down, cool off, rehydrate by drinking water or sports drinks and, if the symptoms don’t subside almost immediately, seek medical care. Naturally, it’s best to prevent heat illnesses from occurring in the first place. Most heat illnesses are preventable by drinking adequate fluids and staying cool. As the name implies, heat illnesses are caused by excessive heat and associated dehydration. Specifically, it’s when the body is unable to get rid of excessive heat. Exertion, humidity, wearing heavy clothes and sunburn all contribute to retaining heat.

Sweating cools the body, but also causes dehydration, which can result in electrolyte imbalances — a dangerous combination. Generally, the hotter it is, the faster the water loss. Hence, the best prevention is not allowing excess heat to build up and to stay well hydrated. Wear loose clothing made of fabrics that “breathe” or allow evaporation of sweat, such as cotton or linen. Use sunscreen and wear a hat to prevent sunburn. Take periodic breaks from exercise to let your body cool down, preferably in a cool, shaded area or indoors. Maintaining hydration is the most important step. You need to start out well hydrated. It’s much harder to replace water once it’s gone. Remember that you will

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## Board selects 12 for legal studies programs

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)**— The Air Force has selected 12 officers to participate in one of two legal studies programs that will eventually earn them law degrees. Capt. Gregory J. Fike, Detachment 1, 85th Test and Evaluation Squadron here at Tyndall was among those selected. The two programs are the Funded Legal Education Program and the Excess Leave Program. FLEP is a paid legal studies program for active-duty Air Force officers, said Maj. Mark T. Allison, chief of the accessions branch for the office of the judge advocate general. Participants are selected each spring by the JAG department. Officers selected for the FLEP attend law school at Air Force expense, while remaining on active duty. They incur a service obligation as judge advocates —

of two years for every year spent in the program. The ELP is a non-Air Force funded legal studies program, Major Allison said. People in this program may take excess leave to attend law school at their own expense. Although ELP selectees are placed in a nonpay status, they still accrue time-in-service credit for pay purposes and retirement while in the program. They return to active duty as judge advocates after graduation with a four-year total service obligation. Both programs require attendance at an American Bar Association-accredited law school. Upon graduation and admission to any one of the state bars, including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, candidates are eligible for designation as a judge advocate.



# Feature

***The “Beakmans” in camouflage at the 325th Circuit Card Repair Shop keep the power in Tyndall electronics – from amplifiers to cables, the team helps to ...***

**Airman 1st Class Russell Crowe**  
325th Fighter Wing  
public affairs

If Mr. Wizard wore camouflage, he'd be second place.

That's because the 325th Circuit Card Repair Shop would beat him over the head with what was left of Louie the Lightning Bug. These guys are tops in their field – repairing electronics and saving the Air Force and taxpayers their good ole' green – hard earned cash, that is. And they do it well.

In fact, saving more than \$6 million since 1994 is enough to make your head spin.

So how do they do it?

By taking protons and cross-bridging them through a nucleus, tying them later with electrons to form... well, maybe it's better if they explain it.

“What we're all about here is taking pieces of electronics that don't work, the stuff you might just trash and getting it back into tip-top shape,” said Senior Master Sgt. Gary Brown, the acting shop chief. “We've got the best, most-advanced technicians, repair systems and software to get the job done.”

He's not kidding. PinPoint and Huntron – no, they're not planes from the upcoming Star Wars movie – are some of the newest, hottest electronic repair equipment on the market. And some of the programs in which they use it are the newest programs the Air Force has seen.

A major repair program the shop works on is the fire-card program. The cards, which are located in fire detection systems across Tyndall, are a vital part of keeping airmen safe. Just through the fire-card repair program, more than \$169,000 has stayed in the Air Force's pockets and there's no telling how many lives they have helped to save.

In addition to the fire cards, the shop works on countless other projects, ranging from amplifiers to the 8-millimeter systems used in F-15s to record flights for training use.

“This is a program that was initiated conceptually and put into practice here at Tyndall,” said Staff Sgt. Manuel Maldonado. “No other base has an 8 mm program like this. We use a mock-up to say this piece is perfect and then we send it out and it's back in the air, doing what it was intended to do. This is another piece that was costing the Air Force and taxpayers \$900-\$1,000 a piece, but can be fixed for a couple of dollars. This program, since it kicked off in 1994, has saved more than \$1 million.”

To work with such precision takes more

than just skilled technicians and advance software – it takes new, innovative thinking and ideas. From that came the mock-ups.

“We use exact mock-ups here and that gives us a real advantage,” Sergeant Maldonado said. “With their help we can simulate exact circuitry and reduce turn-around times. Using Pinpoint and Huntron along with the mock-ups allows us to make absolutely sure the piece of equipment is working. We don't send it back out into the field and have folks testing it for us. We test it right here, so when they get it, it's a finished product.”

To become the electronic whiz kids that they are takes more training than Eckerd's has pills.

“This is a career field where you train, train and train,” said Senior Airman Chris Mealer. “We never stop training, learning and learning more. A lot of times we get projects that have hurdles we've never seen before, so we all sit down, brainstorm, troubleshoot and get the job done – done in good time and high in quality. We're very proud here that when you get something back it will work, and it'll work well.”

Circuit card technicians are the crème de la crème of avionics troops. Training begins at Shepherd Air Force Base, Texas with six to nine months of fundamental electronics. In addition to that, troops go to numerous soldering schools as well as specific courses on the advanced software systems they use, plus in-house training that would blow away the average power company.

The staff, which consists of four technicians and a shop chief, is always looking to expand its horizons and get creative with projects. Just last month they saved 72 pieces of equipment from the junk heap and they're still looking for more.

“There's always room for more,” said Staff Sgt. Martin McFaul. “If you bring it, we'll do everything in our power to fix it and get it back to you the way you want it.”

According to Airman 1st Class Philip Riggs, the job is fun, challenging and always keeps you on your toes. Airman Mealer echoes his sentiments.

“This is a job where you learn a lot and it never ends, the learning just progresses as we get new and different obstacles. Plus, this is a job where there's no rut. We never deal with the same thing twice.”

For more information or to contact the circuit card repair shop, call 283-4053 or 283-4494.

# ‘Juice’



**Airman 1st Class Philip Riggs (far) and Senior Airman Chris Mealer, service technicians in the 325th Fighter Wing, work over schematics.**



it up



Upper right: Staff Sgt. Martin McFaul tests the audio input on the 8-millimeter mock-up.  
Left: Staff Sgt. Manuel Maldonado verifies the operation of a PCB board in the fire-card mock-up.  
Bottom right: Senior Airman Chris Mealer troubleshoots a PCB board using PinPoint advanced diagnostics.





# Course trains “space cowboys”

**Master Sgt. Austin Carter**  
Air Force Space Command  
public affairs

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN)** — Cowboys have to know how to rope and brand a steer in order to ride the range. Space cowboys have to know about launch trajectory, satellite apogee and boosters in order to ride the space range.

The Interservice Space Fundamentals Course, held in Colorado Springs, Colo. 11 times a year, is training the next generation of “space cowboy.” The idea is to create airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines who will be literate in the language of space operations, launch and satellites at an introductory level.

With space becoming less a Buck Rogers fantasy and more of a common, unseen necessity of everyday life, the need to provide some fundamental knowledge of the possibilities and limitations of space-based assets has become urgent. This course seeks to take this basic information out of the labs and secret meetings, and give it to the person who needs it — the warfighter on the ground.

“Space is relevant for the warfighter today. Most don’t realize that,” said Army Maj. John Graham, director of interservice space education for the Det. 1, 533rd Training Squadron, based at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo. “If we rely on a small cadre of space professionals alone, then we can’t touch every aspect of the warfighter. Our course goes to the lowest echelon. The warfighter knows the questions to ask to enhance his capabilities.”

The two-week course bombards the 15- to-20-person class with presentations from instructors and guest experts in orbital mechanics; satellite operations; both U.S. and

international launch vehicles; space law; missiles and missile warning; the Global Positioning System; and space communications.

There are about 45 people every year who the entire military trains to become “space experts,” Major Graham said. “Compared to the size of the services, that’s not a lot,” he said. “Here, we graduate about 500 people a year from every service of every rank from an infantry battalion radio operator to a three-star general.”

It is not so much a change of philosophy as an introduction to arcane terms that separates the space worker from the “ground pounder.”

“We’re teaching a space common language here,” Major Graham said. “When our students hear the terms DSP, SBIRS, nadir and apogee, now they know what the other person’s talking about.

“The first week we aim for ‘martini knowledge’ level,” he said. “That’s if there’s a mention of some space-related topic while you’re having a martini in a bar, you can talk about it with just enough expertise to impress everyone around you. Of course, after the second week, it goes beyond martini knowledge because our students become space cowboys — experts.”

Jack McGarry, a contracted Navy instructor, thinks the objectives are twofold. He believes the first objective involves raising the awareness of space operations in the general military. The next objective involves providing a basic understanding of space operations so military people can begin appreciating how they contribute to the success of military operations.

People are realizing that having a working knowledge of space is essential in today’s military workplace, Mr. McGarry said.

“In a computer age, you’re at a disadvantage if you don’t have a background in computers,” he said. “If you work in space operations, you are at a disadvantage if you don’t know about space.”

After the course, many of the students’ eyes are opened to the potential and limitations of space. They drop their “Star Trek” perceptions of what space is about. In many cases, they are surprised at what they are told.

“One of our students’ misconceptions is that the United States has some sort of defense against a missile attack. We don’t,” Mr. McGarry said. “They’re also unaware of the cost and time it takes just to place a vehicle in space. It’s surprising to them. It all has a ripple effect throughout the military. Everyone should know more about the systems in space because everyone supports the warfighters, either directly or indirectly.”

Staff Sgt. Andy Coleman, the fundamental course director who coordinates the tours and instructors, said the beauty of the course is its simplicity.

“We’ve broken it down in logical patterns so that it’s easy,” he said. “The students learn how they fit in the big picture.”

The fundamentals course, along with its sister class, the Interservice Space Intelligence Operations Course, is usually held in Colorado Springs. The location is ideal, according to Major Graham, because the area is home to Peterson and Schriever Air Force Bases, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station and many high-tech space industries nearby. The area is called “Space Central.”

The class is also able to go on the road, with a scaled-down four-day version for organizations and units unable to attend the course in Colorado.

## Participants wanted for Air Force Marathon

*Courtesy of the fitness center*

The Fifth Annual United States Air Force Marathon is Sept. 22 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The fitness center is looking for a team or individuals that would like to participate in this most prestigious event. Although funds are not available to pay your expenses, permissive temporary TDY is authorized.

The 2000 marathon had more than 2,900 participants running either individually, on a relay team or in the wheelchair category from 47 states and seven countries. This year they anticipate 3,200 participants.

Registration and race information is available on the Air Force Marathon Web site located at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil/>. Those interested in representing the 325th Fighter Wing at this event may review the information on the Web site or call Mr. Norm Childs at the fitness center, 283-2631. Entries must be postmarked before Sept. 5.

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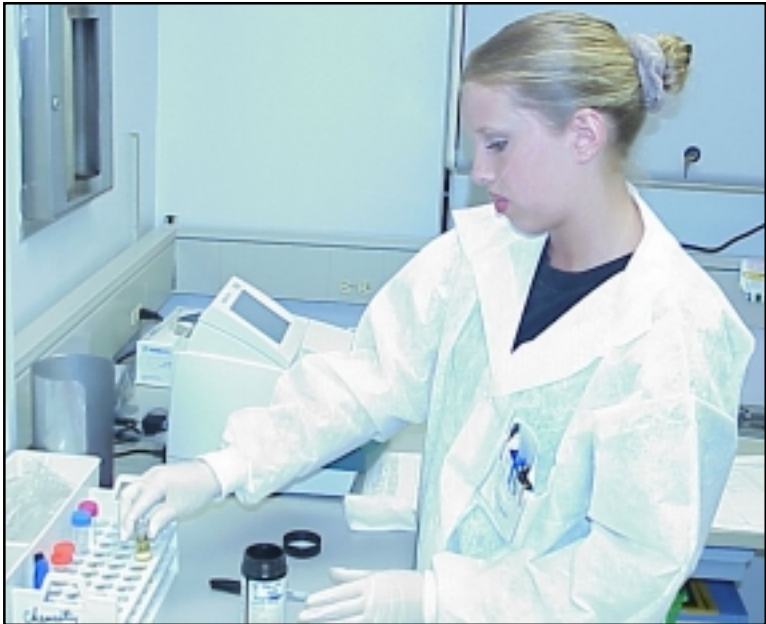
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# Spotlight



2nd Lt. James Danik

## Airman 1st Class Destiny L. Campbell

**Job Title:** Clinical Laboratory technician.  
**Why you joined the Air Force:** Wanted to earn money for college and to travel.  
**Years in Air Force:** 2 years.  
**Hometown:** Porter, Texas.  
**Time at Tyndall:** 6 months.  
**Greatest aspect of your job:** Knowing I perform tests that may identify a patient’s problem or even save their life.  
**Short-term goals:** To finish my career development courses with a 90 or better, and to start school in the fall.  
**Long-term goals:** I want to get a degree and get into the physician’s assistant program.  
**Favorite book:** “The Street Lawyer”  
**Favorite movie:** “Top Gun”  
**Hobbies and activities:** Playing softball, going to the beach and dancing.

# Bowlers to represent AETC in Las Vegas

**Wayne Amann**  
37th Training Wing  
public affairs

**LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — The Air Education and Training Command Bowling Tournament was silent for 15 years. When it was resurrected May 1-3 at Skylark Lanes at Lackland, four Lacklanders made the most noise to advance to the Annual Military Handicap Classic Aug. 15 in Las Vegas.

Chuck Buchert, Lonnie Rehs, Trish Parrish and LaRonda Dixon will join Dave Knuth and Brenda Clink of Randolph AFB, Texas, Alan Shovan from Goodfellow AFB, Texas, and Hilda Quinones of Maxwell AFB, Ala., as Team AETC in Nevada.

The four highest men’s and women’s scratch averages after 18

games advanced.

“Our whole team was real strong,” said Lackland captain Buchert. “We have two All-Air Force women bowlers (Parrish and Dixon) who gave us a big lift.”

The pair dominated women’s action. Their 2,392 pin fall topped the doubles division by 236 pins. Parrish took the all-events title 3,609 to 3,591 over doubles partner Dixon.

“When your teammates are on, it makes you strive harder,” Parrish said. “LaRonda, Chuck and I have bowled in numerous tourneys and leagues together. We just click.”

Dixon returned the favor over Parrish, 1,220-1,219, in the singles event. Dixon also posted the women’s high series 256, 215 and 212 for 683.

Lackland showcased the deepest team in the tourney. They swept

team all-events with a 28,904 pin count, and team event with a 9,846 total.

In the 39-bowler men’s field, Buchert and Rehs finished second and fourth overall, averaging 225.11 and 219.61 respectively.

Other winners included Knuth’s 1,495 in men’s singles. Dave Ingraham and Greg McClain of Keesler AFB, Miss., totaled a 2,655 to take men’s doubles.

Shovan topped men’s all-events with a 4,123 and logged men’s high series with games of 265, 235 and 265 for a total of 765. He and teammate Bill Woods tied for men’s high game of 300. Each recorded their perfect game on the tourney’s second day.

Quinones had women’s high game of 266.

The next AETC Tournament will roll Jan. 14 at Keesler AFB, Miss.

Thinking about getting out?  
Think again!

Get the facts first. Call Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance adviser at 283-2222.



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only feel thirsty after you’ve lost a lot of water. Drink plenty of water before going out into the sun and continue to drink small amounts frequently to replace what is lost.

The electrolytes lost in perspiration are generally replaced if you have been eating well-balanced diets, but the use of additional light snack foods or sports drinks during prolonged periods of exertion will help ensure proper electrolyte balance. Drinking caffeinated, alcoholic or beverages high in sugar can actually increase water loss and should be avoided.

Pre-existing illness, like a cold, can make it harder for your body to adjust to the heat and can increase the likelihood of heat illness. People who are feeling poorly should stay indoors if they can.

Heat illnesses can turn a nice summer day into a miserable experience, but it doesn’t have to. A bit of preparation and quick recognition of problems can help keep your summertime outdoor activities fun and safe.

The Gulf Guide

Your link to what’s going on in the Tyndall community

This Week

—**May 25 Embry-Riddle registration**  
Today is the last day of registration for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University’s summer term. Registration is 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Room 49 of the education center. Class dates will be Monday-July 28. For more information, call the education center, 283-4557.

**Civil Air Patrol meeting**  
Civil Air Patrol meetings for boys and girls 12 years old and older will be held 6:00-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Building 852. The CAP offers local and national activities with a focus on educational and professional development. For more information, call Capt. Laura Palm, 283-7594, or Master Sgt. Perry Newberry, 283-4189.

—**May 28 Commissary closure**  
The commissary will be closed Monday and Tuesday in observance of Memorial Day. It will reopen 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

**Base exchange holiday hours**  
The following base exchange facilities will be open on Monday, Memorial Day. All other facilities will be closed. Main store, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; service station, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Shoal Shoppette, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Class Six, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Felix Lake Shoppette, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Anthony’s Pizza, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

**‘Moms, Pops & Tots’**  
The parent and child interaction play group, “Moms, Pops & Tots,” for parents and their under-age-five children meets 9:30-11 a.m. every Monday at the youth center. For more information, call 286-5812.

—**May 29 Couples’ communication class**  
The last meeting of the four-session couples’ communication class will be 3-5 p.m. Tuesday in the family advocacy conference room. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

**Boating safety class**  
The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16 boating skills and seamanship course will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in Gulf Coast Community College’s Student Union East building, Gibson lecture hall, Room 231. Classes will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The core portion of the course will end June 5. The

cost is \$30 for the text and workbook. For more information, call John Clark, 271-3828, or visit the Flotilla Web site at: <http://clik.to/USCGAUXFlotilla16>.

—**May 30 Commissary case lot sale**  
A case lot and warehouse sale will be Wednesday and Thursday at the commissary. For more information, call 283-4825.

—**June 1 Recruiter screening**  
A recruiter screening team will give two one-hour briefings 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. June 1 in Building 662, Room 213. Staff sergeants through master sergeants with less than 16 years TAFMS are eligible to apply. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Charlie Carr, 283-2244.

—**June 2 Tennis free-for-all**  
A USA tennis free-for-all for individuals of all ages will be 11 a.m. June 2 at the child development center tennis courts. For more information, call Andy Wallace, 283-4366.

—**June 6 GCCC registration**  
Tyndall registration for Gulf Coast Community College’s summer B semester will be June 6. For more information, call the education center, 283-4332.

**Stress-management workshop**  
A three-session stress-management workshop will be noon-2 p.m. June 6, 13 and 20 in the family advocacy conference center. Each participant who completes all three classes will receive a stress reducer. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

**Parenthood-preparation course**  
A four-session parenthood-preparation course will be 3-5 p.m. June 6, 13, 20 and 27 in the family advocacy conference center. Participants who complete the four classes will receive a dry erase memo board and pen. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

**Yard Sales**  
The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 3116-A Dagger Drive and 2800 Falcon St. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Notes

**ROTC cadet encampments**  
Air Force ROTC cadets from detachments around the nation began arriving May 24 and will be on base until Aug. 10 for two field training encampments. Each encampment will have approximately 360 cadets. All base personnel are asked not to interfere with the cadets during their training and to use caution when passing their marching formations on the street. Anyone with questions about the encampment can call Capt. Patrick Stephens, 283-8056.

**School physical examinations**  
The pediatric clinic is now scheduling school physical examinations for pediatric enrollees requiring exams for the start of the fall 2001 school year. The clinic encourages everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to make spring and early-summer appointments to avoid the school rush during July and August. To make an appointment, call 283-2778.

**Summer youth art program**  
The Visual Arts Center of Northwest Florida’s summer youth art program will be June 18-July 27. Classes will be 9:30 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday at the visual arts center, 19 East 4th St., Panama City. The cost is \$45 per week for members and \$55 per week for nonmembers. For more information, call the visual arts center, 769-4451.

Retiree News

**Investment scams list**  
State securities regulators recently released a list of top investment scams. The list was reported on the First Gov For Seniors Web site maintained by the Social Security Administration. The list of scams includes repeat offenders, such as broadly marketed promissory notes, bogus prime bank schemes and risky viatical settlements (interests in the life insurance policies of supposedly terminally ill people) and scams new to the list such as risky pay phone and ATM investments, often sold by independent life insurance agents. Scammers are targeting independent life insurance agents to act as sellers, and while the vast majority of agents are doing what they should and looking out for their clients, a growing minority, lured by high commissions, are relying solely on marketing claims that are misleading or false. The top five scams are:  
**1. Unlicensed individuals, such as life insurance agents, selling securities.** To verify that a person is licensed or registered to sell securities, call the state securities regulator. If the person is not registered, don’t invest.  
**2. Affinity group fraud.** Many scammers use their victim’s religious or ethnic identity to gain their trust, then steal their life savings. From “gifting” programs at some churches to foreign exchange scams targeted at Asian-Americans, no group seems to be

**Parking lot closure**  
The driver suspended revocation parking lot located next to the Tyndall Drive main gate is now permanently closed. A new driver suspended revocation parking lot is located at the Illinois Avenue main gate next to the base theater. The relocation is necessary due to construction of the F-22 flight simulator training facility. For more information, call security forces, 283-2527 or 283-2254.

**Inprocessing changes**  
Base inprocessing is now Wednesdays and Fridays. New members will be scheduled for inprocessing through the MPF intro manager. Newcomers must arrive at MPF customer service for sign-up verification at 7:30 a.m. Base inprocessing will start promptly at 7:45 a.m. Newcomers must bring 10 copies of their PCS orders. For more information, call the base intro manager, 283-2276 or 283-2242.

**ECS Pre-K registration**  
Early Childhood Services is continuing Pre-K and Head Start registration for the 2001 school year. All children must be 3 or 4 years old on or before Sep. 1, 2001. Documentation needed for registration include the child’s birth certificate, Social Security card, verification of income, proof of residency and Medicaid 10-digit billing number if applicable. Anyone interested in registering should call ahead to make an appointment at 872-7550, extension 2234. ECS is located at 450 Jenks Ave., Panama City.

without con artists who seek to exploit others for financial gain.  
**3. Pay phone and ATM sales.** In early March, 25 states and the District of Columbia announced actions against companies and individuals—many of them independent life insurance agents—that deceived roughly 4,500 people for \$76 million selling coin-operated customer-owned telephones.  
**4. Promissory notes.** Short-term debt instruments issued by little-known or sometimes non-existent companies that promise high returns—upwards of 15 percent monthly—with little or no risk. These notes are often sold to investors by independent life insurance agents.

**5. Internet fraud.** Scammers use the wide reach and supposed anonymity of the Internet to “pump and dump” thinly traded stocks, peddle bogus offshore “prime bank” investments and publicize pyramid schemes. Roughly half the states have Internet surveillance programs that watch for fraud or investigate investor complaints. Regulators urge investors to ignore anonymous financial advice on the Internet and in chat rooms.  
To check out an investment or salesperson, contact the state securities regulator. Their phone number is in the white pages of the phone book under “government” or available online at: [www.nasaa.org](http://www.nasaa.org).

Base Theater



**Today:** “Someone Like You” (PG-13, sexual content, including dialogue, and some language, 97 min.)  
**Saturday:** “Blow” (R, pervasive drug content and language, some violence and sexuality, 123 min.)  
**Sunday:** “Blow”  
**Thursday:** “Freddy Got Fingered” (R, crude, sexual and bizarre humor and strong language, 88 min.)  
All movies start at 7 p.m. except Sunday, which is 6 p.m.



# Careless smoking can kill, maim and destroy

**Robert Anderson**  
*325th Fighter Wing*  
*Civil Engineer Squadron*

The majority of smoking-related fire incident studies show that careless smoking is a leading cause of fire-related deaths. In a 1998 study by the University of California at Davis, smoking-related fires caused nearly seven billion dollars damage in the United States and 27 billion dollars globally. The National Fire Protection Association says although smoking-related fires have declined in the last few years, they still cause thousands of lives to be lost and destroy substantial personal and community property. Although the health, political and legal aspects of smoking are interconnected with fire-safety considerations, this article will focus on the dangers of careless smoking habits.

Most smokers are conscientious with regard to safe smoking habits. However, we all know someone we need to carry an ashtray around behind to prevent their ashes from dropping on the carpet or furniture. People with careless smoking habits not only present a hazard to themselves, but also endanger everyone’s safety and property. Here are a few examples of careless smoking:

- **Falling asleep while smoking:** This is probably the most recognized smoking-related fire hazard. Alcohol, drugs or exhaustion play a major role in this careless act. A smoker may fall asleep while smoking and the material will drop on the floor, the furniture or themselves. This type of fire incident does not just apply to fires caused

by smoking in bed, but also includes sleeping on the couch, easy chair or the floor. If ashes fall between the cushions of a couch, it could smolder for hours before the material will reach ignition temperature and catch fire. Carpeting and bed mattresses have a greater surface area and could catch on fire much more quickly because of the air feeding the hot ember. (Remember the fire triangle; fire must have fuel, heat and oxygen to exist.) Fortunately, most of the materials used to make couches, mattresses and carpeting are fire-resistant. However, the material may lose its fire resistant rating as it ages. Here are some safeguards to practice:

- **To protect against fire,** have a smoke detector in the home and check it at least monthly to make sure it works properly. Check furniture for smoking material before going to sleep, especially after parties.

- **Use deep-seated ashtrays** to help prevent the smoking material from falling out. Deep-seated ashtrays will allow the material to fall inward instead of on the floor.

- **Empty ashtrays** in a noncombustible closed container. Saturate the contents of the container with water prior to emptying it in the trash.

- **Smoking in a vehicle:** There are several hazards that can result from smoking in a vehicle. If smoking while driving, smoke can diminish vision, causing misjudgment of distances of vehicles beside or in front. Wind entering the vehicle from an open window or the air conditioning system can cause the fireball of the smoking material to blow onto a passenger or land on the upholstery that can smolder and later catch

on fire. Trying to extinguish smoking material in the ashtray may take attention away from driving. Attention will be diverted off the road to look down at the ashtray to make sure the material is properly extinguished. It is also important to note that carelessly discarding smoking material out the window has caused thousands of wildfires across the United States. Use these safeguards for your vehicle:

- **If traveling short distances,** try to refrain from smoking until you reach your destination. If traveling long distances, take frequent breaks at rest areas.

- **If you must smoke in your vehicle,** always be mindful of your smoking as well as your driving.

- **If you do drop a fireball in your vehicle** from smoking material, don’t panic. Pull to the side of the road and locate the fireball to make sure it has extinguished itself.

- **Never discard smoking material** out the window. It not only can start wild fires, but it may land in someone else’s vehicle.

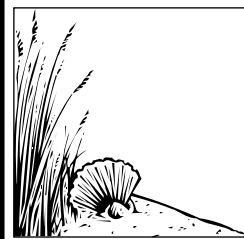
- **It is always wise to have a fire extinguisher** in the trunk or rear of your vehicle in the event you have a vehicle fire.

- **Smoking at work:** Smoking is not permitted in any Air Force buildings. Many people also have work areas in their homes. People have gotten smashed fingers from hammers, lacerations from saws or other injuries because their vision was impaired by smoke while they were working. Smokers can also forget they have lit smoking material in their mouth when they are working around flammable material. The only safeguard to give on this subject is just not to do it.

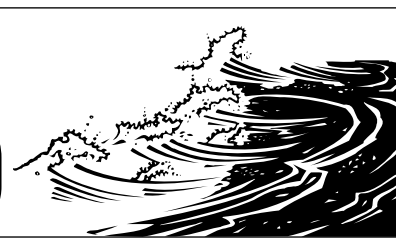
- **Lighters and matches:** Lastly, children often get hurt or find themselves in trouble because adults leave lighters and matches within reach. Children are naturally curious and want to experiment with fire or imitate adults. Safeguard lighters and matches by putting them out of reach. Also, explain to children that lighters and matches are not toys but tools for adults to use. Teach them the dangers of playing with lighters and matches and have them tell an adult if they see another child playing with them.

Accidents do happen with smoking materials and may cause a chain of events that could be very costly, both personally and to your property. Awareness of your surroundings and being a conscientious smoker will help prevent dangerous situations. During these 101 Critical Days of Summer, or anytime, don’t hesitate to let someone know if they are smoking carelessly. It may be their lives or the lives and property of their loved ones that you are saving. Call the fire prevention office at 283-2909 for additional information.





# Funshine NEWS



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## Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

### Basic Archery

June 8, 15, 22, 29 at 1 p.m.  
Open to kids 10-16 yrs. old. Cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for nonmembers.

### Start Smart Baseball

June 2, 8, 16, 23 at 9 a.m. Prepare your 3-5 year old for recreational baseball leagues. Cost is \$20.

### Volleyball Clinic

June 18-22. Ages 10-12: 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Ages 13-16: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.

### Tennis Offerings

#### ■ Adult Team Tennis:

June 9, 16, 23, 30 and July 7 & 14 at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$30. Friendly competition in a fun atmosphere. Teaches basic strokes & organized play.

#### ■ FREE-For-All:

June 2 at 9 a.m.  
Come out and enjoy free group tennis lessons. Event will be held at the CDC tennis courts and is open to all ages.

#### ■ Rallyball:

June 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29. Open to youth ages 11 and under.

## 2001 Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program

Air Force Services is conducting the fifth annual club membership scholarship program. Current club members and family members (spouse, children, step children, and grandchildren) of Air Force officers', enlisted, consolidated, and collocated club members are eligible to apply for scholarships via this program. Three scholarships will be awarded. First prize is \$5,000, second is \$3,000, and third is \$2,000. These prizes are made possible through commercial sponsorship provided by First USA Bank, Wilmington DE. No Federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Applicants must submit an application and a single-page summary of their long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments. The summary may include civic, athletic, and academic awards and accomplishments. Applicants must also submit an essay of 500 words or less on one of the following topic: *Air Force Clubs - The Value and Rewards of Membership.*

Nominations must be on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins. The essay should be typed in 12-point, Times New Roman, or an equal font style. The 325th Services Squadron marketing office, Bldg. 1013, must receive base-level nominations by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 13. Mailing address is 325 SVS/SVK Stop 31, 113 Suwannee Avenue, Tyndall AFB FL 32403-5717. Nomination packets are available at the officers' club and Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. For more information, contact Peggy Geil at 283-4565.

**The Swim Center will be closed until further notice.**

**Contact Bonita Bay for details 283-3199**

## Community Activities Ctr.

☎ 283-2495

### Tae Kwon Do Classes

Mon-Tue-Wed: 6-7:30 p.m.  
\$4 daily fee, \$30 for 10 Classes

### Private Guitar Lessons

\$8 per half hour call to schedule a lessons.

### Instructors Needed

Tai Chi, Yoga, and Percussion's  
Instructors needed for New Classes  
Call 283-2495 for information.

### Odds & Ends Flea Market

Do you have items your trying to sale, such as furniture, clothes, dishes, etc., Advertise it on our bulletin board, it's FREE. Info must be on 3 X 5-index card. Only two cards per person or family

### The Music Studio

We have a fully equipped studio with drums, keyboards & guitars you can check out.

### The Balloon Shoppe

Balloons for all occasions, Other gifts available for that special someone.

## Pelican Pt. Golf Course

☎ 286-2565

### Renovation Hours

The course will be closed on Mondays due to the greens renovation.

## Officers' Club

☎ 283-4357

### \$300 Club Card Drawing

Every Thursday at the club at 6 p.m.

**Don't Forget!**  
**"Your Cash is Trash"**

Every Friday at 6:30 p.m.

### Retiree Appreciation Night

May 26 in the Bayview  
25% discount on all entrees

### Win a Free Lunch!

Just find your name hidden in the Officers' Club calendar and you could win.

## All Ranks Hawaiian Luau

*AF Club Members and Bonafide Guests Only*

**At the O Club • June 1 • 6 p.m. All you care to eat**

"Roasted Pig" • Authentic Hawaiian Buffet on the Patio • 7:30 p.m.  
Hawaiian & Polynesian Dancers Fire Dance from "Disney World", Orlando Florida

**\$12.95 per person (gratuity not included)**

"An evening you won't want to miss!" Sorry no one under 18 yrs old may attend!

**No A-la-carte dining this evening • Reservations required: 283-4357**

## Tyndall Fitness and Sports Center

283-2631



### May Fitness Month Points

can be earned by attending classes & events.  
Prizes will be given to the individuals with the most points.

**Wednesday, May 30 - Aerobathon, All day - 5:30 a.m., noon, 5 p.m.**  
Squadron with most participants will earn  
2 extra points each towards  
May Fitness Month Prizes

**For more information see the Fitness & Sports Center May Calendar.**

### Events sponsored in part by:



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## Skeet and Trap

☎ 283-3855

### Hours of Operation

The range will be open: Wed., Sat., and Sun., starting June 2, 9 a.m. til 1 p.m.

## Information, Tickets & Tours

☎ 283-2499

### Wakulla Springs

June 9. Enjoy the natural setting and history of this beautiful springs and 2 boat rides which are included in the price of \$24. Sign up deadline is June 4.

### Marianna Caverns

June 23. Visit one of Florida's most interesting historical and natural sights. Cost per person is \$20 which includes a tour of the cave. Sign up deadline is June 14.

## Vet Clinic

☎ 283-2434

### Pet Photo Contest

Contestants are asked to submit photos of their pets at the clinic located in bldg. 1287. Deadline is May 30. Call for more information.

## Skills Development Ctr.

☎ 283-4511

### U.S. Flags

Squadrons can use their APF IMPAC Cards to purchase retirement flags that have been flown over the capitol. Prices vary. Squadrons must fill out proper forms that can be obtained from Congressman Boyd's office. Payment is required at time of order.

## Enlisted Club

☎ 283-4146

### In the Zone

Fridays: Marvelous Marvin 5p.m.-1 a.m.  
Saturdays: Magic Mike 8 p.m.-midnight

### Every Tuesday Evening

All you can eat. Sirloin Steak Buffet

### Every Wednesday Evening

2-4-1 Steak Night & Salad Bar \$12.95

### Every Thursday Evening

Southern Fried Chicken \$6.95

### Every Saturday Evening

All you can eat buffet  
Prime Rib and more: \$12.95



# Cadets staging metal war in prime time

**2nd Lt. Angela Arredondo**  
*U.S. Air Force Academy  
public affairs*

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AFPN)**— Mordicus smashes against the wall and spins around. Undeterred, the warrior rolls across the floor and wields two rotating saws into the air, ready to face the enemy.

Twin blades spin and light glints off wicked teeth, looking for something to bite. This is just an afternoon practice for Cadet 1st Class Jonathan Mueller and Mordicus, a robot he built as his senior design project in electrical engineering.

Cadet Mueller and Cadet 1st Class Danial Eastman each designed a robot for their capstone laboratory course this semester. Cadet Eastman's project is called SMD, short for "Something Must Die." Mordicus is Latin for "teeth" since that robot features two counter-rotating saws.

Cadets Mueller and Eastman's mechanical warriors compete on the television show "Battlebots" May 22 – 28 in San Francisco.

The show brings together contestants who design and build metal gladiators to fight each other in an arena. The arena or "battlebox" has several hazards and obstacles

that can hinder or damage a battlebot. Saw blades that sporadically rise from the floor, spikes or a hammer increase the difficulty and decrease the odds of survival. Contestants are encouraged to use these hazards to defeat their opponents. Robots compete in four different weight classes. Nonwheeled super heavyweights can weigh 316 to 488.9 pounds. Nonwheeled lightweights weigh 25 to 87.9 pounds.

Mordicus and SMD are middleweights weighing 115 pounds and 102 pounds respectively. However, both pack a big punch. In addition to imposing saws, the two-wheeled Mordicus can use its wedge-shaped front to flip or push opponents away.

The idea to go on "Battlebots" came from Capt. Brian Peterson, executive officer and assistant professor in the academy's department of electrical engineering.

"I had seen the show and I thought it looked like a lot of fun," Captain Peterson said. "When we started, we had no idea the timing would work out that the cadets

could go compete, but it was still something that was easy to get excited about. It is a lot easier to work on a project that you are excited about than one you chose because you just needed something to do."

The cadets built the robots from scratch throughout the spring semester with the help of technicians from the academy's training devices department and under the guidance of Captain Peterson and Lt. Col. Barry Mullins, chief of computer systems in electrical engineering.

"Our primary responsibility is to monitor the cadet's progress throughout the semester," Colonel Mullins said. "We attempt to steer them when they wander too far for too long. We are not there to prevent a cadet from making mistakes; rather, we help the cadet learn from the mistakes, put things into perspective, and move on to a working solution using sound engineering practices."

Cadets Mueller and Eastman are focusing on the competition.

"I want to honor my family by representing them well and I want to



2nd Lt. Angela Arredondo

**Cadets 1st Class Danial Eastman (left) and Jonathan Mueller work on their robots in preparation for their first taste of robotic combat during the "Battlebots" tournament in San Francisco May 22 - 28.**

represent the Air Force to the United States honorably," Cadet Mueller said. "I want to win a few pounds for Air Force and go home."

Cadet Eastman is looking forward to the competition as well.

"It's been a lot of fun making SMD, I think it's the coolest toy I've ever had and it probably will be even more fun breaking it," he said.

Cadets Mueller and Eastman need to rush back to the academy as soon as the competition is over. Their graduation ceremony is May 31. Both are going to specialized undergraduate pilot training following graduation.

This "Battlebots" competition is scheduled to air next season on Comedy Central.



*Take time  
with your kids*

*A wealth of knowledge  
can be found inside the  
cover of a book. Take  
time to read, listen and  
learn with your children  
now — they'll thank you  
for it in the future.*



**Think  
before  
you  
drink.**

# Sports & Fitness

Volleyball standings		
	W	L
Large squadron		
OSS 1	13	0
TRS 1	11	2
CONR 1	11	2
MDG	10	4
COMM 1	10	5
OSS 2	9	5
1FS	6	6
MSS	6	7
SEADS 1	5	8
COMM 2	3	10
CONR 2	3	10
TRS 2	2	10
SEADS 2	2	11
95 FS	1	12
Small squadron		
81 TSS	12	2
AFCESA	12	2
NCOA	10	4
RHS	6	8
MXS	6	8
TEST	5	9
372 TRS	3	11
83 FWS	2	12

Intramural golf standings		
	Total points	Makeup Games
Large squadron		
CES	41	1
TRS	41	
MSS 1	37.5	1
CONR 1	35.5	1
COMM	31	1
SEADS	28	
MDG	24.5	
OSS	24.5	
CONR 2	23	
95FS	21.5	
MSS2	9.5	
CONR 3	7	
Small squadron		
MXS	35.5	
AFCESA	26	
SVS	24.5	
85TS	24	
362TRS	22.5	
LSS	17.5	
83FWS	15	
372TRS	3	

Bowl a few frames at *Raptor Lanes*

Monday-Wednesday: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Thursday: 9 a.m.-midnight  
Friday: 10 a.m.-2 a.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m.-2 a.m.  
Sunday: 1-8 p.m.



